

## **REMARKS**

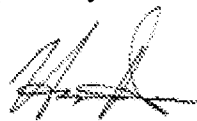
Examiner has repeated the rejection of independent claim 44, and claims dependent therefrom, based on the same references: Lang and Faulkner. Examiner has clarified that, because the gait characterization step was recited as an optional contingency, Examiner interpreted the claim to cover an embodiment where the T-score is found to not be abnormal and, therefore, certain steps of the claims would not be practiced. To address this rejection, Applicant has removed the contingent nature of the gait characterization step by presuming the patient has an abnormal T-score.

Accordingly, all pending claims now require a gait characterization step which, as explained in the prior office action response, is not taught in Lang or Faulkner. Specifically, Applicant has reviewed both Lang and Faulkner and could not identify any teaching of conducting a gait analysis after measuring an abnormal T-score or measuring a bone marker concentration if a gait characterization is abnormal, which are limitations in all pending claims.

Applicant has also addressed Examiner's claim objections by a) amending the preamble to "a method for prescribing a therapy" and b) correcting the use of "repeat" in relation to the bone marker concentration measurement. Applicant has also amended the claims to recite certain device structures in the independent method claim.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests allowance of the pending claims.

Respectfully submitted,



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